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Subject: Meeting of the Argentine, Bolivian, and Paraguayan  
Boundary Commissions.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

Sir:

The following announcement appeared in La Razón for November 6,  
1945:

"The Boundary Commissions of Argentina, Paraguay, and Bolivia, met yesterday in the Salon Blanco of the Foreign Office for the purpose of approving under the terms of a special agreement the minutes of the demarcation activities during the past year.

"Last Saturday the Argentine and Paraguayan delegations, charged with marking the frontiers of Bolivia in their respective zones, arrived at La Paz. The Argentine delegation is presided over by General Baldomero de Biedma and is composed of Señores Osvaldo Bianchi and Andrés M. Lescure. The Paraguayan delegation is headed by Major Atilio Méndez Chamorro and composed of Commander Ramón Díaz Benza, Engineer Captain Alberoni Vega Sayas, and Sr. Atilio Fernández. The Bolivian delegation is presided over by General Abelardo Prieto and composed of Engineer Jorge Mariaca Pando, Captain Humberto Melazzini, and Sr. Jenaro Sanjinés. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be represented by the Undersecretary Sr. Jorge O'Connor d'Arlach and Señores Jorge Díez de Medina, Luis Espinoza Saravia, and Humberto Cáceres.

"The meeting of the Commissions responds to the agreement reached in Buenos Aires last year and is being held at present in La Paz at the express suggestion of the President of three Commissions, General Baldomero de Biedma.

"In 1943 they met in Buenos Aires, and last year in Asunción.

"The purpose of the meeting is to examine and approve the acts of the demarcation labors carried out by the different Commissions during the last period of their operations. It has, moreover, the purpose of continuing the spirit of close fraternity which has animated each of

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the groups in the work of demarcation carried out in recent years. This close interchange of opinions and review of what has been done has resulted in the better fulfilment of the task, since any difficulty created by the previous imperfect demarcation has been overcome to the reciprocal benefit of the three nations.

"In the inaugural meeting yesterday the purposes of the assembly were outlined, and the valuable opinion of each one of the delegates was heard with respect to the purpose of the meeting. There was described, furthermore, the work accomplished by each one of the delegations and the program to be followed in the two subsequent meetings was fixed. In these the acts are to be approved and subsequent ratification by the respective Foreign Offices.

"The reception program and that regarding the work of the Commissions began yesterday with the visit of the delegates to the President of the Republic, Lieutenant Colonel Gualberto Villarroel, with whom they talked regarding the favorable development which their work has had. Later at 11:45 they visited the Foreign Minister of the Republic, Lieutenant Colonel José C. Pinto, with whom they also discussed the high objective they pursue. Later they visited the Chief of the General Staff, Colonel Francisco Barrero.

"This morning the next Argentine-Bolivian Commission will meet and in the afternoon the Paraguayan Commission will meet. This will conclude the labors of the different delegations.

"Various dinners are also being arranged in honor of the delegations."

Respectfully yours,

Walter Thurston

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